

III. Remarks

A. Status of the Application

Claims 1-24 are pending herein.

B. Restriction Requirement

The Office action mailed December 16, 2004 requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I Claims 1-4, drawn to a dietary supplement comprising a nutritionally effective amount of isolated purified galactose, glucose, mannose, N-acetylneuraminic acid, fucose, N-acetylgalactosamine and xylose.
- Group II Claims 5-8, drawn to a dietary supplement comprising isolated and purified acetylated mannose, and at least five isolated and purified saccharides from a group of thirteen saccharides.
- Group III Claim 9, drawn to a dietary supplement composition comprising at least two powdered saccharides.
- Group IV Claim 10, drawn to a dietary supplement composition comprising at least six powdered saccharides.
- Group V Claims 11-23, drawn to a dietary supplement comprising a nutritionally effective amount of at least six essential saccharides.
- Group VI Claim 24, drawn to a dietary supplement comprising a composition comprising a first and a second isolated and purified saccharide.

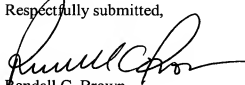
Applicants hereby elect with traverse, for prosecution herein, the claims of Group II, i.e. claims 5-8. If the Examiner maintains as final the restriction requirement between the claims of Groups I-VI as noted above, Applicants will take the position that the Examiner has admitted one group of claims to be patentable over the other, and that any prior art must be closer to the elected group of claims than the non-elected group of claims to render the elected group of claims unpatentable.

C. Conclusion

It is believed that all matters set forth in the Office action have been addressed.

Favorable consideration and an early indication of the allowability of the elected claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that an interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney would expedite consideration of the elected claims, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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